Pharmacy Health Information Technology Collaborative

<u>**Via Electronic Submission to: https://confluence.oncprojectracking.org**</u>

November 7, 2014

Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Re: Request for Comments 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR Certification Test Procedures

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the membership of the Pharmacy Health Information Technology Collaborative, we are pleased to submit comments in response to your October 8, 2014 *Request for 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR Certification Test Procedures.*

The Pharmacy HIT Collaborative (Collaborative) supports the proposed test procedures for the 11-certification criterion targeted and the proposed changes in the 2014 Edition Release 2 described in the test procedures documents. The Collaborative has been involved with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) developing the national health information technology (HIT) framework since 2010.

Pharmacists provide patient-centered care and services, maintain various, secure, patient care records, and as part of the integrated health care team, they are directly involved with other health care providers and patients in various practice settings, and are users of EHR and HIT.

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The Pharmacy HIT Collaborative's vision and mission are to assure the nation's health care system is supported by meaningful use of HIT, the integration of pharmacists for the provision of quality patient care, and to advocate and educate key stakeholders regarding the meaningful use of HIT and the inclusion of pharmacists within a technology-enabled integrated health care system. The Collaborative was formed in the fall of 2010 by nine pharmacy professional associations, representing 250,000 members, and also includes eight associate members from other pharmacy-related organizations. The Pharmacy HIT Collaborative's founding organizations represent pharmacists in all patient care settings and other facets of pharmacy, including pharmacy education and pharmacy education accreditation. The
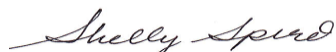
Collaborative's Associate Members represent e-prescribing and health information networks, a standards development organization, transaction processing networks, pharmacy companies, system vendors and other organizations that support pharmacists' services. For additional information, visit www.pharmacyhit.org

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On behalf of the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative, thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the *Request for Comments 2014 Edition Release 2 EHR Certification Test Procedures.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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